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AMENDMENT AND REPLY IN RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The Office Action closed prosecution as to the merits and set a shortened statutory period for reply of two months. As a result, this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows: